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For: "SYNTHETIC WOOD"

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DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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the specification of which is attached hereto

was filed on _____ as
Application Serial No. _____
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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